

REMARKS

I. Interview

The Applicants attorney, Scott A. Timmerman, interview Examiner Ce Li on February 27, 2009. The Ohler reference was discussed.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The rejection has been obviated by appropriate amendment to claim 6. .

III. Double Patenting

The Applicants request that the provisional double patenting rejection with co-pending case U.S. Ser. No. 11/495,168 be held in abeyance.

IV. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) & 103(a)

Claims 1-8 and 12 relate to a method for identifying a rendezvous position based on a first and a second criteria from a first and a second navigation device, respectively. A rendezvous position is used for establishing a first route for the first navigation device to the rendezvous position and for establishing a second route for the second navigation device to the rendezvous position. The first navigation device is notified when the identified rendezvous position and the first route violates the first criteria. The second navigation device is notified when the identified rendezvous position and the second route violates the second criteria

The combination of Ohler, Saiki, and Bates relates to a providing navigation features to two or more users. Ohler, Abstract. Figure 6 of Ohler and Example 6 relate to a first and second navigation device. *Id.* at Col. 9, l. 56-Col. 12, l. 28. The other examples in Ohler relate to a navigation services provider (100) that performs route calculations for multiple devices. *See e.g.* Figs. 1, 5. Ohler describes the interaction between the first and second users' navigation systems as:

The first user's navigation system provides the list of one or more locations of the specified type to the first user. (Optionally, the first user's navigation system 460 may provide the list of one or more locations of the specified type to the second user via a communications link with the second user's navigation system

462, if available.) The users select one of the places on the list provided by the first navigation system 460. According to an alternative embodiment, the first user's navigation system 460 may provide route guidance for the first user to travel to the selected destination. The first user's navigation system 460 uses the route calculation application 436 and the route guidance application 438 in the first user's navigation system for this purpose. The second user may receive route guidance for traveling to the selected destination. One way that the second user can receive guidance for traveling to the selected destination is to have the second user use his/her own to calculate a new route to the destination starting from the second user's current position.

Id. at Col. 11, ll. 30-50.

The combination of Ohler, Saiki, and Bates does not disclose the criteria as in claims 1-8 and 12. In particular, the combination does not disclose the notifications of the devices for violations of the criteria.

Claim 12 further relates to receiving further information regarding the identified rendezvous point based on prior identification of the identified rendezvous point, where the further information comprises a quality of the identified rendezvous point. The combination of Ohler, Saiki, and Bates does not disclose a quality identification of a rendezvous point based on prior identification of the rendezvous point.

Claims 13-21 relate to calculating a rendezvous position based on the first signal and the external position data upon receipt of a confirmation signal by a second receiving section. The rendezvous position is provided to the navigation device for approval and is recalculated when the rendezvous position is not approved. Further, a transmission section configured to encode the rendezvous position in an output signal transmitted via the communications network to the external device when the rendezvous position is approved. The combination of Ohler, Saiki, and Bates does not disclose the approval of a rendezvous position or the recalculation when the rendezvous position is not approved.

V. Conclusion

In view of this response, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

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